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THE STANDARD.

THE BOSTON MOB

OF FIVE THOUSAND

GENTLEMEN OF "PROPERTY AND STANDING,"

October 21, 1835.

In accordance with a call issued by a Committee of Arrangements, the Anti-Slavery friends in Boston and vicinity assembled at Stacy Hall, 46 Washington street, Quincy's block (the identical spot which was the scene of the ever-memorable outbreak of 1835), on Sunday, the 25th of October, at 2 o'clock, P.M. The weather was exceedingly unpropitious, but the hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and the ante-rooms leading to it were crowded with eager and interested listeners. Seldom is it the privilege and blessing of any man to look upon such a concourse of noble men and devoted, self-sacrificing women; and the spectacle, with the solemn and deeply interesting proceedings of the occasion, will not, we have faith to believe, be without an abiding and beneficent influence upon the hearts of all present.

At about half-past two o'clock, the meeting was called to order by WM. LLOYD GARRISON, who said—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—It is a stormy day to-day, and it was a very stormy day twenty years ago this day. The storm of to-day is of the Lord—it is well; the storm twenty years ago was of the Adversary—it was ill. I think, if I were to take your suffrages as to the man who, of all others, ought to preside—to have the honour, allow me to say, to preside—on this occasion, you would all agree that it is the man who, after the Female Anti-Slavery Society was driven from this place, offered them the use of his house, at the risk of having it pulled down over his head. I allude to our friend FRANCIS JACKSON. He "still lives," and long may he live; and I propose that he preside on this occasion. Those who are in favour of this proposition will manifest it.

The motion of MR. GARRISON was carried by a unanimous vote, and MR. JACKSON came forward and took the chair. He said:

FRIENDS—I am glad to meet you at the old homestead. It was here that one of the mile-stones of the Anti-Slavery movement was erected, and a very important one it is. It marks the progress of the Anti-Slavery movement; it also marks a most disgraceful spot in the history of Boston.

Twenty years ago this day, I ascended this flight of stairs amidst riotous men, who came to break up an Anti-Slavery meeting, and insult the ladies who held it. This most disgraceful mob effected its object, with the assistance of the Mayor of the city, and the Anti-Slavery ladies were compelled to leave their own hall, and pass out through a long lane of ruffians dressed in broadcloth; and they were reviled and insulted as they passed along.

After this gallant achievement of the mob of "gentlemen of property and standing," they made an onset upon the sign-board of the Anti-Slavery office, nud soon tore it down, and threw it upon the pavements. The mob roared and stamped upon it like wild beasts, and soon broke it to pieces.

The most prominent person who was engaged in tearing down the sign was a well-known merchant, who then kept a store on Central Wharf.

I had some words with several persons well known to me, relative to the disgraceful transactions going on before us. I expressed to them my abhorrence at such outrageous conduct; but I was met by a shake of the head. They said that the Abolitionists had outraged public opinion long enough; they did not approve of mobs; but then, the Abolitionists deserved to be rebuked.

The principal triumphs of the mob were the breaking-up of the Anti-Slavery meeting and the dispersion of the ladies; the destruction of the sign-board, and the capture of the Editor of *The Liberator*. No ropes were used about the ladies or the sign-board. Not so with friend Garrison; he was too dangerous a man to go unroped or unpinioned. The prison was thought to be the fittest place for him, and he was locked up in Leverett street jail. He will, however, make his own statement of what befell him.

The outrageous conduct of the mob being upheld by public sentiment, the shopkeepers in the lower part of the building became much alarmed for the safety of their goods, and were very desirous to have the Anti-Slavery office removed from the building. The Society was in debt, their office rent over due, and they feared they might be ejected by their landlord, as summarily as the ladies were by the mob. They therefore mustered gold enough to make a legal tender for their over-due rent, and then put themselves legally, as they always had been normally, right.

I will not, however, occupy your time with these small details. There are other friends present who will interest you more than I can. I see many of the members of the Female Anti-Slavery Society here, and I should be glad to hear from them, as I saw how they were insulted that day. I would therefore invite them to speak, if it is only a few words; it would be very gratifying to hear from them.

MR. GARRISON. The President of the Female Anti-Slavery Society Miss MARY PARKER, has long since gone to her heavenly home. She it was who prayed, while the Abolitionists in the hall were jeering and threatening violence—she it was who prayed, in a clear and unfaltering voice, thanking God, that while there were many to molest, there were none to make afraid. One of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, MRS. THANKFUL SOUTHWICK, one of the earliest and most faithful friends we have had in the cause, is present with us, and I hope she will take a seat on the platform.

MRS. SOUTHWICK rose, and said, with deep emotion—"My mind has been so much affected by looking around, and seeing how few are left, that I would rather not. This is to me a very solemn and affecting occasion, to meet the few who yet remain with us."

At the earnest request of several friends, however, MRS. SOUTHWICK consented to come forward, and take a seat on the platform—as did also MISS HENRIETTA SARGENT, another long-tried and most devoted friend of the slave.

The following appropriate portion of the Scriptures was then read by Rev. SAMUEL MAY, JR.:

[CONTINUED FROM THE PSALMS.]

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say; if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us; then they had swallowed us up quick when their wrath was kindled against us: then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

O Lord our God, help us to hold make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

May not the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them; he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge; and he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble: therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar, and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, which executeth judgment for the oppressed, which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind; the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: he relieveth the fatherless and the widow; but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

A fervent prayer was then offered by Rev. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE; after which, the following hymn, by JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, was read by MR. GARRISON, and a portion of it sung by the audience:

Now, joy and thanks forevermore!
The day-star rises, well-nigh passed;
The slumbers of the North are o'er,
The giant stands erect at last!

More than we hoped in that dark time,
When, faint with watching, few and worn,
We saw no welcome day-star climb
The cold, gray pathway of the morn!

O, weary hours! oh, night of years!
What storms our darkling pathway swept,
Where heating hack our thronging fears,
By faith alone our march we kept!

How jeered the scoffing crowd behind,
How mocked before the tyrant train,
As, one by one, the true and kind
Fell fainting in our pain!

They died—their brave hearts breaking slow,
But, self-forgetful to the last,
In words of cheer and lingle-glow,
Their hope upon the darkness passed.

A mighty host on either hand
Stood waiting for the dawn of day.
To crush, like reeds, our feeble hand!
The morn has come—and, where are they?

Troop after troop its line forsakes,
With peace-white banners waving free,
And from the sky-arch up to God short breaks,
Of "Freedom and Fraternity!"

Like mist before the growing light,
The hostile cohorts melt away:
Hurrah! our banner flies in sight
Are brothers at the dawn of day!

As, unto these repentant ones,
We open wide our toll-worn ranks,
Along our line it seems to run
Of song and praise and grateful thanks.

Sound for the onset! blast on blast!
Till Slavery's every nerve and gnal!
One charge of fire shall drive them fast,
Like chaff before our Northern gale!

O, prisoners in your house of pain,
Darkly, in fetters bound and sold!
Look, stretched in Southern vale and plain,
The Lord's delivering hand behold!

Above the traitor's pride of power,
His iron gates and guarded wall,
The holts which shattered Shinah's tower
Hang, smoking, for Jericho fall!

Awake! awake! my Father-land,
It is thy Northern light that shines!
This stirring march of Freedom's hand,
The shadowing of thy mountain pines!

Wake, dwellers where the day expires!
Your winds that stir the mighty lake,
And fan your prairies' roaring fires,
Bear on your wings the cry—Awake!—awake!

MR. GARRISON then addressed the audience as follows:

SPEECH OF WM. LLOYD GARRISON.

MR. PRESIDENT: I know of no language more appropriate to this occasion than that which was uttered by the Apostle eighteen centuries ago—"Having obtained help of God, we continue unto this day."

I need not say to any one in this Hall, this afternoon, what it is that has brought us together. Twenty years ago, to-day, this street was crowded with men inflamed to the highest degree of madness, who riotously attempted to break up a meeting of Anti-Slavery women, assembled within these walls, for the purpose of looking to God for strength to overthrow slavery in our land. The sequel you all know. Many of you know all the particulars connected with it.

Before reciting those particulars, it may be well to go behind them—for the event which we are here to commemorate did not spring up out of the ground, or fall like hail from a clear sky. There had been a cause for it at work, actively, unceasingly, by day and night, for a number of years; and, in tracing it, we shall be able more clearly to perceive upon whom rests the responsibility for the mobocratic violence which raged at that period like an epidemic, and which brought eternal shame upon the city of Boston.

Let me begin, Mr. Chairman, at the beginning—with the enunciation of that simple doctrine, which has shaken this nation like an earthquake, and in which were wrapped up all the outrage and violence, the persecution and ostracism, which have taken place during the last twenty years—the necessary consequences of its application to the consciences and the hearts of a pro-slavery people. Sir, we should have had no trouble in this land—no household divisions—no friends turning into enemies—no mobocratic outbreaks—if we had not demanded one thing, if we had not made use of one shibboleth. If we had spoken of slavery as an evil, a calamity, a curse to be overthrown at some indefinite period, we might have spoken in Carolina as easily as in Massachusetts; we might everywhere have been recognised as good neighbours, excellent citizens and sound Christians. But the moment the doctrine of immediate, unconditional, everlasting emancipation was enunciated, it was as the voice of God sounding in the ear of this nation, calling upon it at once to repent, to "break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free"; it was the affirmation of the truth, that under no circumstances could slavery be right for a single moment; that the slave was a man, and, being a man, God made him for freedom; and that there could be no delay in regard to his deliverance without a compromise of justice. It was the assertion that the black man had a right to be educated here, to be protected by equal laws, to develop all his faculties and powers, and to take his position side by side with his proud, haughty and oppressive white brother. The nation could not endure a proclamation of this kind. It was the touchstone whereby all men were proved. It showed who loved liberty as a vital principle, and who held it merely as a sentiment, a matter of expediency, to be repudiated or sustained as occasion might require.

As soon as this doctrine was enunciated, the Slave Power took cognizance of it. It knew that it was "the beginning of the end." It knew that if the Abolitionists could not be put down at that time, there was no hope of ever putting them down, and that their horrible slave system must be destroyed. Hence, throughout the entire South, the greatest consternation prevailed. The slaveholders, banding themselves together, began to offer rewards for the seizure of prominent Abolitionists. Threats of personal violence were multiplied on the right hand and on the left. Every mail brought letters to me, declaring that I had only so many days to live—that conspiracies had been formed for the purpose of having me abducted and &c. &c. &c. I received representations on sheets of paper, showing me up as tarred and feathered, or hung by both ears, or stabbed to the heart, because of my sympathy for the oppressed.

The North did not so instantaneously participate in this feeling of alarm as the South. It was not until the Colonization conspiracy was unmasked that the North began to heave with indignation and fury, as the South had done in regard to the declaration that slavery ought to be immediately and forever abolished. One principle unmasked the South, the other the North; for at the North, the Colonization scheme hypocritically assumed to be somewhat anti-slavery, and the people were told—some were led to believe—that, by helping the scheme, they would help abolish slavery in our land, put a step to the foreign slave trade, and civilize and evangelize Africa. A large majority of the people, however, being infected by the hateful spirit of colourphobia, naturally rallied around that scheme; caring little or nothing for its humane and pious pretences—caring to know but one thing about it, namely, that its object was to get rid of the niggers"—to use our refined and Christian dialect toward that injured class. They wished them well, hoped they would thrive well—*in Africa*; but they could not and would not live peaceably with them on the American soil. With opposition to this proscriptive crusade began the most envenomed hostility to the Anti-Slavery cause. The mobocratic spirit ran like wild-fire, North and South. It was impossible to hold Anti-Slavery meetings anywhere without danger of personal outrage, often at the peril of life. Men calling themselves respectable, and so esteemed—occupying high and responsible stations, and reputedly intelligent, virtuous and patriotic, were carried away by "the madness of the hour"—which, indeed, has proved to be not merely the madness of the hour, but of days, and months, and years.

At that tronblous period, every attempt to elevate the coloured man in this country was assailed in the most rabid manner. When, for instance, Miss PRUDENCE CRANDALL, a noble Christian lady in Canterbury, Conn., who had been teaching a school of white young ladies in that village—feeling her soul baptized into the spirit of deepest sympathy with the oppressed—made up her mind that she would educate coloured young ladies, instead of white, all Canterbury, the region round about, the whole State of Connecticut, combined to crush her. She was denounced by every hateful epithet; though up to that hour she had been greatly esteemed and admired as a teacher. Among other outrages committed to drive her from the place, the well near her house had a large quantity of filth thrown into it, so that the family should have no water to drink. An agreement was made by the traders of the village that they would not sell her anything, even to eat; and she actually had to send to other towns to procure food to keep her family from starvation. Her house was assailed, and brick-bats, rotten eggs and other missiles, were dashed through her windows; and, finally, it was set on fire, to burn it down over the heads of the teacher and the taught!

At that eventful period, in the spring of 1833, I was induced to undertake a mission to England, at the request of my anti-slavery coadjutors (a small band indeed), partly to undeceive WILBERFORCE and CLARKSON, and other eminent philanthropists in that country, in regard to the real character, design and tendency of the American Colonization Society, and partly to solicit aid to establish a Manual Labour School in New England for the education of coloured youth. In order to frustrate this mission, several leading men of Canterbury got out a writ against me, on the charge of libel, in consequence of certain strictures in *The Liberator*, concerning their infamous treatment of Miss CRANDALL. Prior to sailing from New York, I was watched and hunted, day after day, in that city, in order that the writ might be served upon me; but my old friend, ARTHUR TAPPAN, took me up into an upper chamber in the house of a friend, where I was safely kept, under lock and key, until the vessel sailed which conveyed me to England.

Another manifestation of the Colonization spirit was made, not long afterwards, in the town of Cannan, New Hampshire, where an effort was made to establish a school in that place, for the purpose of educating coloured children. Though the name of the town was Canaan, it was anything but the land of Canaan to those who went there to be taught. Again, there was a mobocratic outbreak to break up the school. At last, a team of one hundred yoke of oxen was hitched by a chain to the school-house, and it was dragged off into a swamp!

This was the spirit of Colonization—a spirit which prepared the way for every outrage that followed.

On my return from England, in 1833, the first mob—the parent mob, I will call it—of the many that afterwards took place, was that witnessed in the city of New York. The Colonization journals had industriously circulated the lying accusation against me, that I had gone to England for the purpose of slandering and dishonouring my native land—that I was in league with British tories, conspiring for the overthrow of this republic. It happened, on my arrival in the harbour of New York, that a meeting had been called by the Abolitionists of that city, to form an Anti-Slavery Society. They were to meet in Clinton Hall. But as soon as it was announced that I had arrived, placards were immediately put up all over the city, announcing that the "infamous libeller of his country, the notorious GARRISON," would be at Clinton Hall that evening, and summoning all the friends of the Union to be present. The appeal was promptly responded to. A mob of five or six thousand assembled, and took possession of the Hall, rendering it impossible to hold a meeting there; but the Abolitionists quietly withdrew to Chatham Street Chapel, and succeeded in organizing a City Anti-Slavery Society, before they were tracked by the mob.

Mr. Chairman, I think what did more than any one thing else to fill this land with madness, was the arrival of our noble friend and coadjutor, GEORGE THOMPSON, of England, in the fall of 1834. He came over here at my earnest solicitation when abroad, and in compliance with the desire of the friends of the cause on this side of the Atlantic. I had known what he had done in England for the abolition of slavery in the British West India Islands. He was the most eloquent man to whom I had ever listened. Moreover, I found him to be a man world-wide in his spirit, principles and feelings, with nothing *English* in his composition, in a narrow sense. This was indicated in the answer he made to those who taunted him for being a foreigner, that he was not consulted in regard to the place of his birth; but if he had been, he might have preferred Boston, instead of Liverpool, to be the city of his nativity! I felt assured, therefore, that if he should come over to us, gifted with such powers of argument and persuasion, and master of his subject, he would do the anti-slavery cause immense service; but I did not dream that his life would be put in jeopardy, and he compelled to flee as the only means of preserving it.

As soon as he came, however, the cry was raised that he was a British incendiary; that his pockets were filled with British gold; and that it was the design of the Aristocracy of England to upset this "glorious Union" of ours. Designing political demagogues and unprincipled public journalists filled the air with these foul accusations, and they fell upon ears accustomed to take everything from such sources for granted. When, therefore, the spirit of American "patriotism" was invoked to put down this dangerous "foreign emissary," GEORGE THOMPSON was treated as though he were a wild beast. It is overwhelmingly affecting to go back, and recall what he was obliged to pass through; while it is consolatory to know that his courage never faltered, and that his Christian heroism was equal to every emergency. Let me read you some extracts from the papers of that day. There was the New York *Journal of Commerce*, as malignant then as now, more malignant, if it were possible, but I do not know that there can be any going beyond, where everything is absolute and perfect. Then, there were the New York *Commercial Advertiser* and the *Courier and Enquirer*, daily belching forth their denunciations of the Abolitionists, and representing them to be the vilest of the vile.

Let me give you an extract from the *Courier and Enquirer* of that day, and then you may determine if it was strange that riotous pro-slavery outbreaks followed:

"It is time now for this subject to be taken in hand seriously. The movements of the immediate Abolitionists have not merely the welfare of our country, but the very existence of her institutions and every citizen, from Maine to Mississippi, who has not already made up his mind to a willingness to see our confederacy dissolved, our whole frame of Government broken up, and an experiment made to better it amidst the confusion, misery and bloodshed of a revolution, is bound to come out at once with the *seditious fanaticism* now abroad. It has become the duty of all classes and all parties—of the hall of legislation—of the press—of the pulpit, and of every good citizen within his own particular sphere of influence, to assist in putting down this TREASON that is stalking through our borders.

"*These dangerous men must be met.* THEY AGITATE A QUESTION WHICH MUST NOT BE TAMPERED WITH. *They are plotting the destruction of our Government*, and they must not be allowed to screen themselves from the enormousness of the guilt, under canting pretences, or even under the delusion in many instances of fanaticism, if it often stretched infatuation. The integrity of this Government, and the general happiness of this great people, are of too much worth to be jeoparded to the caprices of a MAD FANATICISM, whether urged into action by weakness or by folly. We do not stop to inquire whether the incendiary is about to set our house on fire from motives of ill-will or under the impulses of a disordered intellect when he smites the brand from him, whatever may be the impulse which is driving him to the act. The freedom of which we boast so much—justly boast so much—is hardly broad enough to protect TREASON. Our liberty is not exactly the *liberty of pulling down our liberties*, and it is a false charity that would cherish the TRAITOR who aims at the act—no matter under what pretext, and no matter of what delusion he may possibly be the victim himself.

"We all well does every individual know that *to liberate the slave would to heist the signal of death to the white population*—that it would be unfurling the bloody banner of murder, rapine and devastation to his household. Who would not die with arms in his hands rather than subject himself, and those who are dearer to him than life, to such a calamity? Such *will* be the result, if the people of these Northern States should ever be *insane enough to meddle with this fearful subject.*

"We call now, we ask the citizens of the United States, if they are prepared to bring such a catastrophe upon the country to gratify the visionary projects of a band of *canting, dreveling fanatics*, one half of them blowing this blast of death and desolation to the people of a whole section of the Union, for the sake of notoriety, and the other the mere victims of a senseless infatuation? Are they willing, by giving countenance and currency to such men as TAPPAN and Lloyd GARRISON, to put in jeopardy the whole fabric of our liberty—the last and the only hope of civil freedom on earth?"

Again—from the same paper:

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have long since repented of the act, and brought forth fruits meet for repentance, and now glory in the anti-slavery cause. There was the most intimate connection between this meeting and the riotous outbreak of October 21st.

Well, the meeting was held in Faneuil Hall (the Mayor in the chair), and addressed by the Hon. Harrison Gray Otis, Hon. Peleg Sprague, and Hon. Richard Fletcher, whose speeches were eminently calculated to whet the knife to be put into the heart of George Thompson by some stealthy assassin. No men could have brought deeper disgrace upon themselves than they did in regard to the opprobrious language which they used toward Mr. Thompson and the anti-slavery cause. If there were time, I would give you some extracts from those speeches; but I refer those of you who are curious to know what they said, to the files of *The Liberator*, or the leading Boston papers of that day.

Hear what was the language of the *Commercial Gazette* on the subject:

"Fame in Hall Meeting.—Let it not pass unheeded. If, however, disregarding its warning and solemn voice, this bounty prisoner is to be brought to our city, let the hot holt of public indignation fall upon them; let them be marked as disturbers of the public peace, and shunned as traitors to the country. Let no citizen who sets a value on the Union of the States elect none who hold to those sacred principles bequeathed to them by the immortal Washington, have any intercourse with men whose measures are firebrands, arrows and death, and whose success would be the destruction of this now happy Republic."

The whole city was now wrought up to a pitch of insanity. It having been advertised that the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society would hold a meeting at 46 Washington street, on the 21st of that month, a placard was circulated through the business portions of the city, announcing the fact, and stating that George Thompson would be present. This was printed at the office of the *Commercial Gazette*, and written by Mr. Homer, one of the editors of that paper, and an active instrument in getting up the mob, and seeing it carried through. Here is a copy of it:

"THOMPSON

"THE ABOLITIONIST!!

"That infamous foreign scoundrel, THOMPSON, will hold forth *this afternoon*, at the Liberator Office, No. 43 Washington street. The present is a fair opportunity for the friends of the Union to *suckle Thompson out!* It will be a contest between the friends of abolitionism and the friends of the Union. A purse of $100 dollars has been raised by a number of patriotic citizens to reward the individual who shall first lay violent hands on Thompson, so that he may be brought to the tar kettle before dark. Friends of the Union, be vigilant!

"*Boston, Wednesday, 12 o'clock.*"

It was a false statement, that Mr. Thompson was to be there. He was not in the city, and had not been asked to address the meeting. The ladies, however, had requested me to deliver an address on the occasion. I thanked them, and told them I would do so. Accordingly, on that eventful day, anticipating a serious disturbance, I went to the hall some time before the hour of meeting; but, early as it was, I found the doorway and staircase crowded with rioters. I was recognised and hooted at, and with difficulty I passed through them. In the hall, I found some thirty women, who had anticipated the hour of meeting, and had thus been enabled to get in. Others, who came later, were kept from entering by the crowd. The street was densely crowded, and the outcries of the mob were various. This is not the same hall. The building in which we met was subsequently injured by fire, torn down, and replaced by the present structure. The hall ran lengthwise, and was differently shaped from this. One part of it was partitioned off for the Anti-Slavery Office, in which we had all our books and publications, none of which, happily, got into the hands of the mob. On entering the hall, I took my seat quietly, waiting until I should be asked to speak. In the midst of the howlings of the riotous throng, a prayer was offered by the President of the Society, Miss Mary S. Parker, in a strong and clear voice. I shall never forget it. It was thrilling beyond description; evincing the utmost trust in God, and complete serenity of soul; and "thanking God that while there were many to molest, there were none that could make afraid." After a while, it was suggested that if I would withdraw, my absence might influence the ruffians to behave with more decency. I accordingly left the hall, and stepped into the Anti-Slavery Office adjoining, and locked the door. I found no one there, except my friend, Samuel E. Sewall. I immediately sat down, and wrote to a friend in Providence a description of the incidents of the day, as they were occurring. Whilst writing, the ruffians in the hall broke in the lower panels of the door, and, stooping down, glared at me through the aperture like so many wolves, and shouted—"Here he is!"—"Out with him! out with him!" My friend Mr. Burleigh, with admirable courage and presence of mind, stepped out of the room, locked the door on the outside, and put the key into his pocket. He then, non-resistant though he was, stood guard; and it was entirely owing to his calm and firm demeanour that our Office was not harmed. The rioters, however, got hold of some prayer and hymn books, belonging to a religious society that occupied the hall every Sunday, and threw them out of the window as incendiary documents!

I will not occupy your time by going into all the details of this disgraceful affair. Suffice it to say, that the Mayor, on entering the hall, told the ladies they must disperse, for the sake of the peace of the city! This they declined doing until they had transacted a portion of their business, when they retired in a calm and dignified manner, though scoffed at and insulted as they passed through the lawless throng.

The cry was now raised for the anti-slavery sign-board. This was soon thrown down, in the presence and by the acquiescence of the Mayor, and exultingly danced upon, and finally broken into fragments.

Again I say, where is the reward for "Thompson!" The Mayor (the late Theodore Lyman) assured the multitude that Mr. Thompson was not in the house. They knew, however, that I was, and so they clamoured for my surrender. The agitation of the Mayor was excessive. Unwilling or unable to protect me by an appeal to the military, but desirous that I should receive no harm, he endeavoured (having cleared the building of the rioters) to find some way of exit for me, so as to be able truthfully to announce that I was no longer in the hall, and thus induce the rioters to disperse. It was proposed that I should escape by dropping from a window in the second story upon a shed, and from thence into a yard, leading through a carpenter's shop, into Wilson's lane. I felt, at first, very great reluctance to leave the premises in this manner; but, by the urgent entreaties of the Mayor and his posse, and of several anti-slavery friends then present (among them, my early and faithful coadjutor, Samuel E. Sewall, Esq.), and to avoid the charge of wilfully hazarding my life when a quiet withdrawal was feasible; and as no pledges were given or exacted, and no sacrifice of principle was involved in such a step, I consented to make the attempt, accompanied by a friend, Mr. John R. Campbell, now, I believe, in the spirit land. The attempt proved unsuccessful. I was instantly discovered by persons on the watch. Without pause in the course of a few minutes, was densely filled with the rioters, the most active of whom found me in the second story of the carpenter's shop alluded to, and, casting a rope around my body, let me down to the crowd below. I was dragged, bareheaded, through the lane into State street, where my clothes were nearly all torn from my body, the intention being, as I understood, to carry me to the Common and there give me a coat of tar and feathers, a ducking in the pond, &c. &c. Approaching the door of the City Hall on the south side, the Mayor and his coadjutor succeeded in rescuing me with difficulty, and I was taken up into his office. The Lion Office was then located in the building. As the night was approaching, and the mob were still fiercely howling without, it was deemed necessary, alike for the preservation of the Peace Officers and of my life, to send me to the jail in a secure manner. Under a strong escort I left the building, and proceeded to the jail, which was but a few rods distant, in State street. In the jail-yard, I addressed the throng, and so obtain a brief moment of attention, when I was taken into the jail, and locked up in a room. Thank God that while there were many to molest, there were none that could make afraid. Many of the rioters, however, got hold of the stone steps in front of the jail, and were with difficulty kept from breaking in. Their howlings were terrific. Some of them have since fallen by death. Among the number present in the hall was the lamented Ann Greene Chapman, whose memory will always be precious. Allow me to refer to the Will she made, to show the spirit by which she was animated. One portion reads as follows:

"Whilst I live, I have solemnly devoted myself to the cause of God, Justice, Humanity and, dying, I would not less it, in its onward course.

"Believing that the American Anti-Slavery Society is most beneficial to the slave, and is advancing rapidly the cause of God in this kingdom, I leave to its Treasurer, Mr. John Rankin, or his successor in that office, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use of the Society.

"To the Samaritan [Coloured] Asylum, one hundred dollars.

"To the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society, one hundred dollars.

"I trust that when the hour of death comes, my mind will be, as it is now, convinced that the way to serve God, and secure his favour is, by making the cause of his oppressed children my cause. And then I shall not have lived in vain."

No, she has not "lived in vain," and, being dead, she yet speaketh!

It is also due to one who is now drawing near to the grave, to refer to her particularly, in connection with this meeting. I allude to Harriet Martineau, of England. The invitation extended to the Female Society to occupy your house, Mr. Chairman, come what might, was very gladly accepted by the Society, and the meeting was accordingly held. Miss Martineau had come over to our country, some time before, with the highest literary reputation, had travelled through the South with great eclat, and had been everywhere received with high honours. She came to Boston at this trial-hour, and was at once put in the furnace. She had claimed to be the friend of the enslaved at home; it was now to be seen whether she would be faithful to her principles on this side the Atlantic. The course taken by almost every other distinguished person from the Old World has been such, that her conduct now looks all the more sublime and glorious. Allow me to give you, Mr. Chairman, the testimony uttered in your own house:

"I have been requested by a friend present to say something—if only a word—to express my sympathy in the objects of this meeting. I had supposed, that my presence here would be understood as showing my sympathy with you. But as I am requested to speak, I will say what I have said throughout the South, in every family where I have been, that I consider slavery as inconsistent with the Law of God, and as incompatible with the course of his Providence. I should certainly say less if I were in the South than I say at the South concerning this utter abomination—and I now declare that in your *principles* I fully agree."

And because she attended that meeting, and enunciated these noble sentiments, she at once lost caste among the literati of the country; and while she remained here, was treated with manifest scorn and neglect. But she never faltered. She is now very ill, and is not expected long to survive; but she deserves to be ranked with those of whom the world is not worthy.

The following article, which her morally heroic course elicited from the "respectable" *Daily Advertiser* at that time, will serve to confirm what I have stated, in regard to the treatment of Miss Martineau:

"We were extremely sorry to learn, a few days since, that this lady, who has been everywhere in this country received with the most marked kindness to which her eminent talents, and amiable character and manners entitle her to, had been induced by persuasion, we are inclined to believe, in opposition to her own better judgment, to the determination to leave the country, by which it is to be feared she has forfeited some part of the high standing which she held in the good opinion of the people of all parties in this country, and placed herself in the position of a partisan, in one of the most useless, the most bitter, and most unjustifiable of all the controversies in which the people of this country have ever been engaged. We regret this not on her own account only, but on that of the public at large, both in England and in this country. All parties in this country, from her well known intelligence, from the favourable reception she has published, from the respect and esteem with which she is received in the wide circle of her personal friends on both sides the Atlantic, and from the opportunities which she has enjoyed of becoming acquainted with the institutions, manners and character of the people of this country, that her visit here would be productive of a useful effect, in disseminating among the people of Great Britain more correct views and more kindly feelings. In these expectations, we are sorry to say, are in a good measure blasted, by the act of indiscretion to which we have alluded. It is of very little consequence, except as it regards the lady herself, what was capable of exerting on other subjects, what are her opinions on the question of slavery. The addition of the weight of her sanction and influence, to a system of opinions and measures which have not the remotest tendency to remove the evils complained of, but which, on the contrary, are well calculated throughout the country, will produce no perceptible effect on the prevalence of those opinions and measures; but the enrolling her name with that of George Thompson, the unprincipled foreign renegade who ever visited this country, in propagating discord and civil war and a dissolution of the Union, must shake the faith of many of her friends in the soundness of her judgment. We had hoped that the public would have been favoured with some explanation of the sentiments which are stated in *The Liberator*, to have been expressed by her, at a late meeting of the Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society, in this city. No such explanation having been made, we take this occasion to copy the remarks of a highly intelligent gentleman on the course which she has adopted, for the purpose of showing in what light that course is regarded by those who do not see the propriety of preaching up a crusade against slavery in this country, where no slavery exists, for the mere purpose of exciting the indignation and hatred of the people of those States where it exists, by the express sanction of the Constitution under which we live."

I have trespassed too long upon your time in going through these preliminaries, but I felt that they were important as bearing upon this lawless outbreak in our city, and as showing how the prevailing violence of that period was stimulated, and who are to be held responsible for it. Mr. Chairman, what a change has been effected in public sentiment within twenty years! It has seemed to me, in scanning the file of *The Liberator* for 1835, as if I were in another country, among another people!

"To comfort all that mourn from death to life,
From the grave's evements to the world's strife."

It is not much to be a professed Abolitionist to-day. The fiery trials through which the early Abolitionists passed can never be realized except by those who endured them. Our pathway is now, comparatively, strewed with flowers. The anti-slavery flame has spread from heart to heart, from house to house, from State to State. Hundreds of thousands are imbued more or less with sympathy for the oppressed. The press is inclining more and more to the side of freedom; and all the signs of the times are encouraging in regard to the continued growth of our glorious movement.

On the other hand, it is also true that the Slave Power has lengthened its cords and strengthened its stakes. When I tell you that, during these twenty years, the natural increase of the number of slaves has been equal to the passing of the entire population of Massachusetts into a state of bondage, I tell you precisely the growth of the slave system, during that period. *More than a million of Heroes are to be delivered, who were not in existence twenty years ago*—nearly four millions in all!

But our cause is of God. It has been so from the beginning. Why did this nation tremble at the outset? Who were the slaveholders smitten as with the fear of death? Who were the Abolitionists? Confessedly in a numerical sense not to be counted. They had no influence no station, no wealth. Ah! Mr. Chairman, they had the truth of God, and therefore God himself on their side. I will here quote guilty nation quaked with fear when that truth was uttered and applied. But our work is not to be accomplished silently be proclaimed throughout all the land, until the inhabitants thereof. We are, to contend, until every chain is broken, and every human being free. Every fetter must be rent asunder, and our labours on earth are finished. Remember the only two orders to the trial hall are salvation and take the song of Victory! We have fought a good fight, and we have kept the faith. God is helping us. All the spirits of the just are with us; all the good of earth are with us; and we need not fear as to the result of this great conflict.

"The combat well we've fought,
The victory we've won,
And now we're marching home to God,
And crown, and reigns down."

A hymn by James Russell Lowell was then sung by the choir, to the tune of "Scots wha hae." After which Wendell Phillips addressed the meeting.

SPEECH OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Mr. President—I feel that I have very little right on this platform to day. I stand here only to express my gratitude to those who timely and properly occupy it, for what we all owe them—the women and the men—who stood by our honour and so nobly did our duty when we forgot it, and that twenty years ago.

[At this hour, twenty years ago, I was below, in the street; I thank God I am inside the house now. I was not in the street as one of the mob, but as a spectator. I had come down from my office in Court street to see what the excitement was. I did not understand Anti-Slavery then; I knew but little of it; I had not understand the country in which I lived. We have all of us learned much since; learned what Anti-Slavery means, learned what a Republican Government really is—learned the power of the press and of money, which I, at least, did not know then. I remember saying to the gentleman who stood next to me in the street, "Why does not the Mayor call out the regiment (I belonged to it then)—we would cheerfully take arms in such a case as this. It is a very shameful business. Why does not he send there arguing? Why does he not call for the guns?" I did not know that the guns were in the possession of men who should have borne them were the mob; that all there was of government in Boston was in the street; that the people, our final reliance for the execution of the laws, were there in the street. Mayor Lyman knew it; and the only honourable and honest course open to him was to have said, "If I cannot *be* a magistrate, I will not *pretend* to be one."

I do not know whether to attribute the Mayor's dignified conduct to his confused notion of his official duties or to a cowardly unwillingness to perform what he knew well enough to be his duty. A superficial observer of the manners and pulpit of that day would be inclined to consider it the result of ignorance, and lay the blame at the door of our republican form of government, which thrusts up into important stations deeper into the temper of that day will see plainly enough that the real power the Editors, with their companions "in broadcloth," were only blind to what they did not wish to see, and knew the right and wrong of the case well enough, only, like all half-educated people, they were but poorly able to comprehend the vast importance of the wrong they were doing. The mob which followed, directed against others than Abolitionists, the fruit of the seed here planted, opened their eyes somewhat.

Mr. Garrison has given us specimens enough of the press of that day. There was the *Daily Advertiser*, of course on the wrong side—respectable when its opponents are strong and numerous, and quite ready to be scurrilous when it is safe and will pay—behind whose editorials a keen ear can always catch the clink of the dollar—entitled to be called the Rip Van Winkle of the Press, should it ever, like Rip, wake up; the *Advertiser* condescended, strangely enough, to tell us that it was *not surprised (!)* that papers abroad considered the meeting of a number of females in a street below *a riot (!)*; but the *wise Advertiser* itself regarded it "*not so much a riot as the prevention of a riot*"! It "*considered the whole transaction as the triumph of law over lawless violence, and the love of order over violence and confusion*"!! Dear, dreamy Van Winkle! and he goes on to "*rejoice*" at the exceeding "moderation" of the population—as they did not murder Mr. Garrison on the spot! And this is the journal which Boston literature regards as its organ, and which Boston wealth befools itself by styling "respectable"!

Next came the scurrilous *Gazette*, which, it is said, repented of its course when it found that Northern subscribers fell off and Southerners continued to despise it as before; and which, on tiring public forbearance and becoming bankrupt, earned the right to be melted into the *Daily Advertiser*.

Then the anti alliance marched the *Courier*—always strong and frank, whichever side it took, and even of whose great merit and bravery, between that time and this, it is sufficient praise to say that it was enough to outweigh its great wrong in 1835, and its vile servility now.

With rare daring, the *Christian Register* snatched the palm of infamy—the organ of a sect (the Unitarian) that skulked its way into New England under disguised banners, and so right fitly, in a moment of forgetful frankness, counselled the assembly—suiting manner to matter—it hints to the Abolitionists, with laughable ignorance, that they should imitate the example, as it avers, of the early Christians of Trajan's day, and meet in secret, if the "*senity*" of the ladies would allow! The coward priest forgot, if he ever knew, that the early Christians met in secret, beneath the pavements of Rome, only to pray for the martyrs whose crosses lined the highways, whose daring defied Paganism at its own altars, and whose humanity stopped the bloody games of Rome in the upper Amphitheatre, and from beneath the ground not so much to hide themselves as to get strength for bolder attacks on wicked laws and false altars.

Infamy, however, at that day, was not a monopoly of one sect. Hubbard Winslow, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, strictly Orthodox, a higot in good and regular standing, shortly after this, preached a sermon to illustrate and defend the doctrine that no man, under a republican government, has a right to promulgate any opinion but such as "a majority of the brotherhood would allow and approve," and he said to have boasted that Judge Story thanked him for such a discourse!

The Mayor played a most shuffling and dishonourable part. For some time previous, he had held private conferences with leading Abolitionists, urging them to discontinue their meetings, professing, all the while, entire friendship, and the most earnest determination to protect them in their rights at say cost. The Abolitionists treated him, in return, with the utmost confidence. They yielded to his wishes, so far as to consent to do nothing that would increase the public excitement, with this exception, that they insisted on holding meetings often enough to assert their rights. Yet, while they were thus honourably cooperating in avoiding everything that would needlessly excite the public mind, going to the utmost verge of submission and silence that duty permitted—while the Abolitionists, with rare moderation, were showing this magnanimous forbearance and regard to the weakness of public authority, and the reckless excitement of the public, the Mayor himself, in utter violation of official decorum and personal honour, accepted the chair of the public meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall, and presided over that assembly—an assembly which may be said to have been got together for the express purpose of insulting and driving from the city the Anti-Slavery Society. To-day, Judge Kane, and the Supreme Court which alone can control him, are endeavouring to annihilate that principle which twenty years ago were established. How far and how soon they may be successful, God only knows.

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"If a large majority of this community choose to turn a deaf ear to the wrongs, which are inflicted upon their countrymen in other portions of the land—if they are willing to turn away from the sight of oppression, and pass by on the other side"—so it is and it is not.

"But when they undertake in any way to impair or annul my right to speak, write and publish upon any subject, and more especially, my right to remain, as one of the common concerns of every lover of his country and his kind—so I must not be—so it shall not be, if I for one can prevent it. Upon this great right let us hold on at all hazards. And should we, in its exercise, be driven from public halls to private dwellings, one house at least shall be consecrated to its preservation. And if, in defence of this sacred privilege, others than did not give me, and shall not (if I can help it) take from me, this roof and those walls shall be levelled to the earth—let them fall by the hands of violence. They will not be a better cause. They will appear of very little value to me, after their owner shall have been driven into silence."

This was only thirty days after the mob. I need not read the remainder of the letter, which is in the same strain.

We owe it to one man that a public meeting was held, within a month, by these same women, in the city of Boston. But to their honour be it remembered, also—a fact which Mr. Garrison omitted to state—that when Mayor Lyman urged them to go home, they left this hall in public procession and went "home" to the house of Mrs. M. W. Chapman, in West street, to organize and finish their meeting that very afternoon. To Mrs. Chapman's pen we owe the most living picture of that whole scene, and her vivid, graphic and eloquent reports of the proceedings of the female Anti-Slavery Society, and specially of this day, have hung up to everlasting contempt the "men of property and standing"—the "respectable" men of Boston.

Let us open, for a moment, the doors of the hall which stood here, and listen to the Mayor receiving his lesson in civil duty from the noble women of this Society:

Mr. Lyman.—"Go home, ladies, go home."

President.—"What renders it necessary we should go home?"

Mr. Lyman.—"I am the Mayor of the city, and I cannot now explain; but will call upon you this evening."

President.—"If the ladies will be seated, we will take the sense of the meeting."

Mr. Lyman.—"Don't stop, ladies, go home."

President.—"Will the ladies listen to a letter addressed to the Society, by Francis Jackson, Esq."

Mr. Lyman.—"Ladies, do you wish to see a scene of bloodshed and confusion? If you do not, go home."

One of the Ladies.—"Mr. Lyman, your personal friends are the instigators of this mob; have you ever held your personal influence to still it?"

Mr. Lyman.—"I know no personal friends; I am merely an official. Indeed, ladies, you must retire. It is dangerous to remain."

Lady.—"If this is the last bulwark of freedom, we may as well die here as anywhere."

Mr. Lyman.—"Do you wish to prolong this scene of confusion?"

President.—"Can we pass ont safely?"

Mr. Lyman.—"If you will go *now*, I will protect you, but cannot undertake it *then*."

There is nothing braver than that in the history of the Long Parliament, or of the Roman Senate.

At that Faneuil Hall meeting, one of "the family" was present; one of that family that was never absent when a deed of infamy was to be committed on the slave question, made up mostly of upstart attornies, who fancied themselves statesmen, because able to draw a writ or publish holes in an indictment. Mr. Thomas B. Curtis read the preamble and resolutions, and then followed three speeches by Harrison Gray Otis, Peleg Sprague, and Theodore Lyman, unmatched for the adroit, ingenious, suggestive argument and exhortation to put down, legally or violently, each bearer should choose for himself, all public meetings on the subject of slavery in the city of Boston. Everything influential in the city was arrayed against this Society of a few women. I could not but reflect, as I sat here, how immortal principle is. Rev. Henry Ware read the notice of this Society's meeting from Dr. Channing's pulpit, and almost every press in the city woke barking at him and denouncing. Even he was called his "imprudence." He is gone to his honoured grave; and of those who met in this hall in pursuance of that notice are gone likewise. They died, as Whittier so well says,

"Their brave hearts breaking slow,
But, dying, cursed their foe,
In words of sheer and bugle blow,
Their breath upon the darkness passed."

In those dying words they commended their graves, and resolved that the "narrower the circle became, we would draw the closer together," we envied the dead their rest. Men ceased to slander them in the sanctuary of the grave; and as we looked forward to the desolate vista of calamity and toil before us, and thought of the temptations which beset us on either side from worldly prosperity which a slight sacrifice of principle might secure, or social ease so close at hand by only a little turning aside, we envied the dead the quiet sleep to which we left them, the harvest reaped and the work set beyond the power of change. And of those who assailed them, many are gone. The Mayor, so recreant to his duty, or so lacking in knowledge of his office, is gone; the Judge before whom Mr. Garrison was arraigned the next day after the mob, at the jail, is gone; the Sheriff who rode with him to the jail, is gone; the city journals have changed hands, being more than once *openly* bought and sold. The editor of the *Atlas*, whose zeal in the cause of mob violence earned it the honour of giving place to the day—"the *Atlas* mob!" many called it—is gone; many of the prominent actors in that scene, twenty years ago, have passed away; the most eloquent of those whose voices were heard at Faneuil Hall has gone—Mr. Otis has his wish, that the grave might close over him before it closed over the Union, which God speed in his good time; but here we meet; the same principle fills there same halls as fresh and vital to-day, as self-fixed and resolute to struggle against pulpit and press, against wealth and majorities, against intimidation and unpopularity, and certain in the end to set its triumphant foot on man and everything that man has made alike.

Here stands to-day the man whom Boston wealth and Boston respectability went home, twenty years ago, this night, and gloried in having crushed. The loudest boasters are gone. He stands to-day among us, these very walls, these ideas which breathe and burn around us, saying for him "I still live." If, twenty or twice twenty years hence, he too shall have passed away, may it not be still the glad cry that has caught the jubilee of the emancipated millions on this his birthday?

This very Female Anti-Slavery Society, which was met here twenty years ago, did other good service but a few months after, in getting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to recognise that great principle of freedom, that a slave *brought into a Northern State*, is free. It was in the celebrated Med case. We owe that to the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society. To-day, Judge Kane, and the Supreme Court which alone can control him, are endeavouring to annihilate that principle which twenty years ago were established. How far and how soon they may be successful, God only knows.

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Mr. Lyman.—"I know no personal friends; I am merely an official. Indeed, ladies, you must retire. It is dangerous to remain."

Lady.—"If this is the last bulwark of freedom, we may as well die here as anywhere."

Mr. Lyman.—"Do you wish to prolong this scene of confusion?"

President.—"Can we pass ont safely?"

Mr. Lyman.—"If you will go *now*, I will protect you, but cannot undertake it *then*."

There is nothing braver than that in the history of the Long Parliament, or of the Roman Senate.

At that Faneuil Hall meeting, one of "the family" was present; one of that family that was never absent when a deed of infamy was to be committed on the slave question, made up mostly of upstart attornies, who fancied themselves statesmen, because able to draw a writ or publish holes in an indictment. Mr. Thomas B. Curtis read the preamble and resolutions, and then followed three speeches by Harrison Gray Otis, Peleg Sprague, unmatched for the adroit, ingenious, suggestive argument and exhortation to put down, legally or violently, each bearer should choose for himself, all public meetings on the subject of slavery in the city of Boston. Everything influential in the city was arrayed against this Society of a few women. I could not but reflect, as I sat here, how immortal principle is. Rev. Henry Ware read the notice of this Society's meeting from Dr. Channing's pulpit, and almost every press in the city woke barking at him and denouncing. Even he was called his "imprudence." He is gone to his honoured grave; and of those who met in this hall in pursuance of that notice are gone likewise. They died, as Whittier so well says,

"Their brave hearts breaking slow,
But, dying, cursed their foe,
In words of sheer and bugle blow,
Their breath upon the darkness passed."

In those dying words they commended their graves, and resolved that the "narrower the circle became, we would draw the closer together," we envied the dead their rest. Men ceased to slander them in the sanctuary of the grave; and as we looked forward to the desolate vista of calamity and toil before us, and thought of the temptations which beset us on either side from worldly prosperity which a slight sacrifice of principle might secure, or social ease so close at hand by only a little turning aside, we envied the dead the quiet sleep to which we left them, the harvest reaped and the work set beyond the power of change. And of those who assailed them, many are gone. The Mayor, so recreant to his duty, or so lacking in knowledge of his office, is gone; the Judge before whom Mr. Garrison was arraigned the next day after the mob, at the jail, is gone; the Sheriff who rode with him to the jail, is gone; the city journals have changed hands, being more than once *openly* bought and sold. The editor of the *Atlas*, whose zeal in the cause of mob violence earned it the honour of giving place to the day—"the *Atlas* mob!" many called it—is gone; many of the prominent actors in that scene, twenty years ago, have passed away; the most eloquent of those whose voices were heard at Faneuil Hall has gone—Mr. Otis has his wish, that the grave might close over him before it closed over the Union, which God speed in his good time; but here we meet; the same principle fills there same halls as fresh and vital to-day, as self-fixed and resolute to struggle against pulpit and press, against wealth and majorities, against intimidation and unpopularity, and certain in the end to set its triumphant foot on man and everything that man has made alike.

Here stands to-day the man whom Boston wealth and Boston respectability went home, twenty years ago, this night, and gloried in having crushed. The loudest boasters are gone. He stands to-day among us, these very walls, these ideas which breathe and burn around us, saying for him "I still live." If, twenty or twice twenty years hence, he too shall have passed away, may it not be still the glad cry that has caught the jubilee of the emancipated millions on this his birthday?

This very Female Anti-Slavery Society, which was met here twenty years ago, did other good service but a few months after, in getting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to recognise that great principle of freedom, that a slave *brought into a Northern State*, is free. It was in the celebrated Med case. We owe that to the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society. To-day, Judge Kane, and the Supreme Court which alone can control him, are endeavouring to annihilate that principle which twenty years ago were established. How far and how soon they may be successful, God only knows.

Truly as Mr. Garrison has said, the intellectual and moral growth of Anti-Slavery has been great within twenty years—but who shall deny, that in that same twenty years, the political, the organic, the civil growth of slavery has been more than equal? We stand here to-day with a city reformed—how far? Just so far as this meeting commences—the right of free speech is secured. Thank God: in twenty years, we have proved that an Anti-Slavery meeting is not only possible, but practicable. In Massachusetts—blessed be we have proved. Lord Erskine said a newspaper was stronger than government. We have got many newspapers on our side—many ideas will, in the end, beat down anything; we have got free course for ideas.

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To make room for the full and intensely interesting report of the meeting held in Boston, on the 21st ult., to commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the great victory of 1835, we are compelled to omit many articles for which it had been possible, we would gladly have found room for, on account of the lateness of the hour at which a portion of the copy of the report came to hand, we shall not be able to go to press at the usual time. Delays of this sort are vexatious, but sometimes unavoidable.

THE NEW INDIAN WAR.

Gen. Harney has signalized his advent into the Sioux country by one of the most gallant and complete victories ever achieved over an Indian enemy. The victory is so thorough as to strike terror into the whole of the savage tribes in that extended portion of our country. * * * At one point of rocks the Indians are said to have made a stand and to have fought with great desperation; but they were completely routed, having seventy or eighty men killed, and fifty women and children taken prisoners. The Indian loss, it is said, fought furiously. * * * The letters speak of the engagement as a gallant affair, as it must have been to kill so many men and capture the women and children.—*St. Louis Republican.*

We call ourselves "a great country," and yet we call a great botchery of the little remnant of the original proprietors of this soil, the hospitable friends and preservers of the Pilgrim Fathers, "a gallant affair."

There are people who are so peculiar as to ask why this new scene of carnage has been enacted? There has been no declaration of war by Congress, which alone has power to make war, and no report or gentle intimation was sent before the people of the cause of hostilities. We have not even a proclamation from Frank Pierce; in fact, there has been no authentic and responsible communication to the country on this deplorable business. How much better or more dignified is our condition than that of Russian serfs, if we may be taxed and driven off by a sergeant with a case to kill and be killed at the will or caprice of *one man?* Or even if we must look helplessly on, see rivers of blood (it may be innocent) flow, and then pay our money without the poor gratification of asking any questions, or getting an answer if we do? If we still retain our own liberties, we are in imminent danger of being degraded lower than those who have lost them. It were far better for our spiritual health, our dignity and self-respect to be fettered and gagged than to retain the rights of speech and action and yet do and utter nothing but unresisting silly blind and irresponsible slaughter.

It has been stated, under the proper signature of a man whose knowledge and position render him peculiarly competent to testify to the case, that this quarrel, this army and those new regiments are raised at an expense of four or half millions, are all a swindle; and that the ulterior and only serious purpose is to prepare a well-trained corps, with well-fleshed swords, to support the Southern pack of plunderers, which the Administration holds in the leash, by all means, at the first safe moment, to let loose upon Cuba. This has been asserted and repeated before the nation by Mr. Benton. He is a statesman and soldier of forty years service in the midst of slavery; and whatever may be said of him, he is better acquainted with the intrigue, duplicity and plotting of slave-holders and slave-drivers than any man in the country who is at all likely to give us the benefit of his testimony. We ought to be grateful to him for having spoken, though we be too unfilial or too debauched by long prostitution to the Slave Power, to profit by it.

For this deliberate massacre of men and women (for not women were included in self-evident, the conscious wives keeps the cowards from saying so) what are the Indians charged with as through rumour?

A band of Mormons emigrants, consisting of two companies, belonging to a party of Mormon emigrants, left behind by the train, strayed to the camp, and was taken and killed by an Indian, who had a lodge there, but not belong to the tribe.

The Mormons made complaint to the officer in command of the Fort, 2d. Lieut. Hugh B. Flemin. That person had no authority whatever to interfere in the matter. The laws of the land, and our treaty with the Indians, require that, in all cases of the taking, stealing or destruction of property by an Indian or Indians, or of personal violence, even murder of whites, complaint shall be made to the superintendent or agent, who being furnished with all the facts and documents, and under instructions of the President of the United States, shall make a demand upon the tribe in which the Indian or Indians belong for satisfaction. Only when the tribe refuses to make amends, does it become responsible, and then, for every injury to *property*, the remedy to the injured party or government is limited is to deduct and retain the value of it from the next money payable to the same tribe. There is no power in the United States to arrest any Indian unless having committed one of the offences above mentioned, he is found within the limits of a district or State of the United States; and then he must be tried on civil process like a citizen, and the cause tried in a judicial court. The Indian camp was not within a district or State, and if it had been, Fleming would have had no right to meddle any more than Gen. Harney with the daily business of the Recorder's Court.

Nevertheless, with that military presumption and arrogance which have become a great and increasing evil, Lieut. Fleming, a new-fledged, or rather unfledged, brevet lieutenant, twenty-nine men, and a couple of cannon, with a horse, a howitzer, and twelve mules, with military orders to take the Indian, if the sub-Lieutenant should think it expedient, and bring him, dead or alive, to the fort. And here it is to be noted, that this military expedition is a new and matter that which in every Christian country is a subject of civil damages, to be recovered in an action of *trespass* and that on the prairies of the great west, it is the universal custom for both Indians and whites to take up and kill, or keep and use, any stray dog or horse, only restoring or paying for the animal when discovered. Here, then, was a fatal mistake made a few years ago, when had they been acting in the legal civil sphere.

The expedition thus badly begun was worse conducted. Lieut. Fleming-Lieutenant Grattan marched to a trader's house on the extremity of the encampment, and, without any consent, and two miles from the Indian camp, encircled by a subdivision of the Sioux. Each individual had his lodge. At the centre of the circle was the trader's house. The Indians could not fail to spread the tidings, the muskets and cannon were loaded. The march was then resumed towards the fatal ground. The command halted just without the lines of the encampment, at the trading house of a Mr. Bordeaux, a very respectable man, who advised the sub-Lieutenant to try to procure the surrender of the man through the interposition of the chiefs. He did so, and the chiefs advised and urged the man to surrender himself. It would appear that they exerted their authority to coerce him, partly because he did not belong to their tribe, or it may be that they would in no case have done so, knowing perfectly well, as they doubtless did, that the government and people of the United States were precluded by treaties, by their own laws and by the independent position of the Indians within their own territory, from proceeding in any such manner. It is certain, however, that they used their good offices to procure the peace, and to aid the American party to accomplish their object. Failing that, they offered to pay for the cow, double, triple, quadruple her value. The head chief called Mario-i-owa, surnamed also the Logan of the West, a very noble Indian, entreated Grattan to go back and he would bring the man to the Fort. But no, the military upstart, as we learn by a sort of defence of him by Major Winthrop, who was not present or near the scene, would not submit "to the mortification" of going back without the glory of leading in triumph a captive. Grattan, requested also Bordeaux to show him the lodge of the offender, which being done, the detachment marched into the centre of the camp, and drew up in a line with their cannon, ten or twelve rods from said lodge.

An Indian, and above all an Indian of the independent and roving tribes, regards it as a lifelong infamy to be taken and held in custody as a prisoner. He prefers death to the indelible disgrace. Such is their education, and such the demand of *their* public sentiment. To all applications and entreaties to give himself up, he replied that he would not be taken to the Fort a prisoner, that he wanted no protection from the tribe, wished for no implicate none in his fate, and requested all to keep away, but that he was armed, could fight, and would die rather than be taken.

In this state of things there was no obstacle to the arrest of the man except the danger of his single-handed resistance, for all idea of the tribe's giving, or his accepting protection, had been mutually disclaimed. It only remained, then, to be compelled to submit by force (if possible) to the civilized proceeding made to be persisted in) to seize the individual and carry him off. For some reason, which is left to conjecture, the brevet sub-lieutenant did not think proper, in the discretion with which he was endowed, to do that; but, with equal rashness and cowardice, he ordered his men to fire upon an innocent, and, for aught that appears, a friendly crowd. The distinguished chief and warrior, who had exerted himself to the utmost and to the last to prevent a collision, fell murdered by three balls. He employed the few minutes he survived in exhorting his young men not to avenge his death upon the poor emigrants, and two witnesses say that he enjoined it upon them not to return the fire, for perhaps the soldiers would now be satisfied and go away; but cannon and small arms were all emptied, and the brother of the same chief was severely wounded. The unfortunate soldiers never fired again. Before they could reload, they, with their miserable interpreter and more miserable commander, were laid dead, with a single exception, and he escaped through the generosity of an Indian, who told his comrades that if they killed the white man, they must kill him (the Indian) first. This poor soldier was, however, so badly wounded that he died two days after.

To aggravate these incidents, so conclusive of the guilt of our own officers and agents, and of the Government which educates, appoints and sustains such men, it appears that Grattan set out with a determination to have a fight. He was but a short time from the Military Academy of West Point, an institution where contempt, hauteur, inhumanity and unchastened love of power, are systematically fed by everything in and around it, as slave plantation. Several days before the affair, he was heard by white witnesses to say, that "he wanted a muss with the Indians." In all probability, Fleming, another alumnus of West Point, was cognizant of this purpose and approved it. At Gratiot's, after the men had loaded, Grattan addressed them to the effect that, "he did not believe that they would have to fire a gun, but he hoped to God *they would have a fight*, that they were to obey only his orders or those of the sergeant," adding, "when I give you the order, you may fire as much as you d—d please." He employed "a drunken, swearing interpreter," in opposition to the advice and solicitation of Mr. Bordeaux that he would leave the creature in his house and get a sober man, and he permitted the wretch to retain his whiskey-bottle, which he had brought along with him, and to continue his tippling until he was mad with stimulation. Then, when it was too late (not for his purpose), he took the bottle away and set the poor maniac upon the Indians, more than savage tamus, by exciting them, as they themselves say, "the Lieutenant with thirty men and cannon was come to eat their hearts raw." Lieut.-Col. Hoffman, the regular commander of the Fort, but absent from his post at the time in question, declares that—

"There is no doubt that Lieutenant Grattan left the Fort with a desire to have a fight with the Indians."

And now, we put it to every honest man, were the Indians culpable in these transactions? Even the Indian agent, John W. Whitfield, a personage devoted to the powers that be, whether they be at Washington or on the Missouri border, the delegate of "the border ruffians" for Kansas in Congress, and the author, in an official report to the Government, of the humane and Christian advice "to give all the tribes from Texas to Oregon a genteel drubbing," says:

"I regret that the demand for the offender had not been postponed until my arrival. If it had been I could have settled the matter without bloodshed. *We have prevented a collision I have no doubt the Sioux would have paid any number of horses;* for I was told by several reliable gentlemen that they offered to pay for the cow; and *if less coercive law* is to be obeyed nothing more could be required."

The agent might have added, that not even this could be required until demand made by him, after being "furnished with all the facts and documents," upon the tribe for satisfaction.

Again the agent says:

"*It is evident the Sioux Indians desired no trouble*; and even after one gun had been fired and one Indian wounded, the chief begged the young men not to fire, that perhaps the soldiers would go away."

Again he says:

"*The Sioux, or the bands of the Platte, have heretofore been regarded as the most peaceable and friendly Indians on the prairies.*"

Mr. Bordeaux, whose statement is dated, "Fort Laramie, Aug. 29," ten days after the event, and is confirmed by seven other witnesses of the outrage, and of its most just and speedy retribution, says:

"The first fire was made by the soldiers, and there was one Indian killed and one wounded, the latter mortally, and the young men *not to charge upon the soldiers*, that being they had wounded one Indian they possibly would be satisfied; but the Lieutenant ordered his men to fire their cannon and musketry."

"They (the Indians) also talked of coming to the Fort and killing all the soldiers. *But my begging of the chiefs then succeeded in stopping them.*"

Col. Hoffman says:

"It does not appear that the affair was *anticipated* by the Indians."

Mr. Manypenny, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, an officer in command of all the sources of information, and whose special duty it is to exhaust them all, delivers the most direct and decisive condemnation of our part in these transactions, which has so far been uttered. In fact, the only proportion to any honest man's knowledge of the case must his verdict be prompt and stern against the Government, its officers and agents. He says:

"The Sioux belong to bands *in amity with the United States*—bands which have entered into other treaty stipulations; and the Monmons should, and doubtless did, know that the Indians would not have applied to the agent, who was in the vicinity for redress; and he would, under the law, have paid out of the annuities for the property taken; but the recalling of the military power it was."

In opinion, authorized to arrest or try the Indian for the offence charged upon him."

Mr. McClelland, Secretary of the Interior, to whose Department belongs the whole subject of Indian Affairs and Indian relations, and who, of course, in making up his report at the last session of Congress, had all the facts before him, and could, especially, on the 4th of December, respecting these very Indians of Kansas and Nebraska, where all the Sioux belong, that—

"The Indians seem desirous of strictly performing their respective engagements."

And what have we on the other side? We have this:

"*During the past year*, the Sioux Indians have committed many depredations upon the property of emigrants passing Fort Laramie on their route to Oregon and Utah. On the 19th of August, Lieutenant Gratton, of the 6th Infantry, was sent, by the commander of that Fort, with thirty men to arrest an offender. This entire detachment was massacred by the Indians, with the exception of one man, who escaped severely wounded and subsequently died. The circumstances of this affair were at first involved in much obscurity, but *authentic details* have since proved that *the massacre was the result of a deliberately formed plan*, prompted by a knowledge of the weakness of the garrison at Fort Laramie, and by the temptation to plunder the large quantity of public and private stores accumulated at and near the post. The number of Indians engaged in this affair was between 1,500 and 2,000."

These are the daring and unsupported assertions of "tomahawk-and-arrows-and-death" Secretary of War, Mr. Jefferson Davis, and the border ruffian countenances the Cuban filibusters, wields President Pierce, rides Mr. Dobbin, commands the army and navy, and, *a la plantation*, whips Marcy and Cushing daily up to their dirty work.

No Lago could concoct a more cruel and pernicious falsehood than he has told in the above passage of his Annual Report, communicated to Congress on the 4th of Dec., 1854. For, besides the testimony we have from eight unimpeached witnesses, all present at the affair, and from every civil functionary, and from the only regular commander of the Fort—as to the entire absence of any previous wrong, preparation or premeditation on the part of the Indians—see the *transparent* deceit of Davis's statement.

He says the fort was *weak*, and that the plot and massacre were prompted by a knowledge of that fact, and by the temptation to rob the larger stores accumulated at and near the post; yet they did not attack the Fort nor attempt to touch the stores it contained, though there were "from 1,500 to 2,000" Indians present, frantic with grief for their great loss, burning with revenge, flushed with victory and baited with its spoils. On the other hand, there were only *ten* men left in the Fort! There is not the slightest doubt that the Indians would have had the Fort and all its stores and all its lives, in half an hour, if the chiefs had not stifled their resentment, and, restrained their people at the entreaty of Mr. Bordeaux.

Davis says, "during the *past year* the Sioux have committed many depredations on the property of emigrants," &c. Whitfield says:

"This is the only case I have ever heard of their disturbing the stock of any train *during this season*, and if the Mormon had gone into the village, he could have got his cow without any trouble, but he took fright and left his cow."

As to the stores accummulated "near the post," what were they? They were the goods due from the United States to the Indians themselves, who were waiting to receive them from Whitfield, the agent, as soon as he should arrive. Here, then, was a stupendous plot to commit a horrible massacre for the purpose of robbing certain large stores *which were their own*, and certain other large stores within their reach, but which they never attempted to touch! The lie was as daring as it was base, and dyed in blood. Except that it has taken the form and dimensions of an army and ten miles of slaughter, we should be inclined to say to the Secretary, "You had better try again. You can invent something less discreditable to your understanding and more decent for the public gaze."

It is the duty of the people to arise and arrest this war, not for what it is (which is enough), but also for that to which it is intended to lead. It is true that the vulgar brutality of *rooting up*, tearing and scattering the remains of a great and once happy race, whom most men and all women admit to have suffered cruel wrongs at our hands, should excite us. It is high time to put a stop to the cruel with them through men of disinterestedness, philanthropy and peace. Let us seek some men venerable for years, approved wisdom, integrity and humanity. Where is the Fenelon of the Church, the Franklin of the State, the Penn and Wilberforce of both? Let us entreat the Father of mercies to save our victims from us and us from ourselves. Let us even lay our *respectful* petitions before the man at whose sole behest the bloody gates of war are opened, and at whose behests alone (if Congress is not unconstitutionally a cypher in this matter) a shot can be fired. Let us, at least, importune him with millions of signatures to show us and the world the justice of his policy, if he is resolved that the crimson tide shall flow on.

Fortunately for us the Indian does not write history, but he hands it down. Though he cannot have the world for audience and sympathizers, he has his children and his children's children. They listen with an intensity the greater in proportion as the bosoms in which their indignation is pent are fewer and the hope of justice more desperate. Deceit, fraud, circumvention and violence form the sum total of the Indian corpus, unless the victim was passive. Mr. Meredith referred to a case in 3d Mason, were, in a return to a writ before Judge Story, there was clearly an evasion shown on the face of the return. Under these circumstances Judge Story declared that the course of practice was to propound interrogatories to the respondent to disclose more fully. Mr. Meredith said that it was not proper to examine the petitioner in the case to a further questioning. He could not find in English or American books any other course.

Mr. Meredith argued with a strong and very pointed, urged the right of the committed man (when committed for such contempts as Williamson's) to have the interrogatories filed within four days from the time of the commitment.

The counsel quoted the work of Sergeant Hawkins in support of his position. He went on to argue that in this case there was a positive refusal to make a full and true compliance with the writ of the Court. He had found nothing in the authorities, either English or American, where persons were held guilty of a contempt in respondent to a writ of habeas corpus, unless the return was evasive. Mr. Meredith referred to a case in 3d Mason, were, in a return to a writ before Judge Story, there was clearly an evasion shown on the face of the return.

PETER THE GREAT IN ENGLAND.

There was to be seen till lately in the Palace at Hampton Court, a fine full length portrait of a beardless young man (unfortunately beardless), in armour, with a proud and vigorous expression of face, with large eyes, large lips and a head of determination of purpose, and, I must add a liking for strong drinks. I refer to the portrait of Peter the Great which Sir Godfrey Kneller painted for him. William the Third during the brief visit of three months which the Czar paid to England in the course of his young and cold season of the year sixteen hundred and ninety-eight. Kneller was never happier than in this picture. He knew his strength; and in the background — a scene in which painters affect to call such things! — he introduced the assistance of a workman, who was master in the treatment of maritime matters. This picture is now I believe, at Buckingham Palace. Prince Albert took it away during the visit to England of the late Emperor Nicholas of Russia, and it appears, that in the case is altered, may perhaps think proper to return it to its old quarters.

Peter was in his twenty-sixth year when he first set foot in England. He had been learning ship-building at Amsterdam and his visit to England was at first avowed purpose than that of improving his mechanical skill by steady labour in our naval dockyards. He came among us with the approbation of King William the Third. They were friends for him and his rough retinue, and paid for by the king.

His first London lodging was in Norfolk Street, in the Strand in a newly-built street, and one of the best inhabited streets in London. Some red-brick houses of Peter's time still exist. His second home was a pleasant cast at the country house — was at Sayes's Court, in Deptford, on the banks of the Thames, contiguous to the Royal Dockyard then in the tenancy of Evelyn, author of the "Sylva" (now better known by his Memoirs), but recently resided by him to no less a person than the bluff and jovial Admiral Benbow.

His other native attendant of the Czar bore a name likely to be more familiar enough in English ears: he was called Prince Menschikoff. His English attendant was Osborne Marquis of Carmarthen, afterwards the second Duke of Leeds. The marquis was a naval officer of talent and distinction; and this selection by the king was in every way appropriate.

His visit was one of entire privacy, and consequently without those courtly ceremonies attending his arrival which usually accompanied the visits of kings and emperors and their ambassadors. He came to this country from the House with Vice-Admiral Mitchell, and arrived among us on Tuesday, the eleventh of January, sixteen hundred and ninety-seven — eight. His arrival was soon attended by the privacy of his visit was still as far as possible maintained. On the day after his arrival he went incognito in a hackney-coach to Kensington with his William the Third and his court at dinner — dining in public being then a custom still lingering about royalty. On the following day he called on the Marquis of Carmarthen in Leicester Square, and his Lordship, having hurt his leg at the fire which, only a week before, the Czar arrived among us, ceased to make Whitehall the palace of a sovereign. On the Friday following he received a visit from the King at Whitehall. It was a private visit made by the king in the carriage of Lord Romney, the brother of Algernon Sidney, and the handsome Sidney of De Grammont's Memoirs. The Czar accompanied the king in Lord Romney's coach as far as Whitehall, where he stepped into his own carriage, and, attended by the Guards, went in his state to the Palace of Sayes. The penny-a-liner of the time, from whom we derive these particulars, adds: "His Czarish majesty was there, it is said, incognito." But this I see reason to doubt.

Peter the Great, while in England, was as shy and unwilling to be seen as Peter the Wild Boy. He was present at a ball given at Kensington by King William in honour of the birthday of the Princess Anne, afterwards queen; or rather he may be said to have seen the ball, for his shyness confined him to a small room, from which he could see without being seen. When he was brought by him on his throne in the House of Lords (a sight he had expressed a particular wish to see), it was not from the gallery one from below the bar of the house, but from a gutter in the house-keeper's room behind the throne, to peep through a window into the house. He retired from this unpleasant point of view sooner, it is said, than he intended; for he made so ridiculous a figure (says Lord Dartmouth, who was present) that neither king nor peers could forbear laughing.

He was taken to all our London sights at that time of any moment. To the lions and armories in the Tower; to the monuments and wax figures in Westminster Abbey; to Lambeth Palace; to the anatomy theatre, and sights of the Temple revels; and to the two theatres in Drury Lane and Dorset Gardens. He was chiefly attracted by the Tower and the performances at Drury Lane. The wild beasts and implements of war were adapted to his rougher nature, while the latter house — the then original Miss Hoyden, in Vanbrugh's Relapse, and the first actress who had Miss prefixed to her name in playbills, were so suggesting that the rough Czar of Russia became enamoured of her beauty. Of that Miss Oron the story is told in the Spectator, that when she first arrived in the Low Countries she was not computed to be so handsome as Madam van Brisket by near half a ton. There is also mentioned which still preserves to us the beautiful features that won the youthful heart of Peter the Great.

He did not speak English, nor is he known to have been at all desirous of learning it. Few of his sayings have therefore been preserved; but however, have reached us. He told Admiral Mitchell that he considered the condition of an English admiral happier than that of a Czar of Russia. To King William he observed, "If I were the adviser of your majesty, I should counsel you to remove your court to Greenwich, and to make St. James's once more into an hospital." When in Westminster Hall, he inquired who the busy gentlemen were in wigs and gowns; and being told they were lawyers — "Lawyers!" said he; "why, I have but two in my whole dominions, and I design to hang one of them the moment I get home."

The Marquis of Carmarthen was very attentive to the wishes of the Czar. On Tuesday last (records the penny-a-liner of the time) the Marquis of Carmarthen treated the Czar of Muscovy in a splendid manner. He carried him to Chatham to a launch, and to Spithead to a naval review. They went to Spithead by the old Portsmouth road, and returned the same way, resting at Godalming for a day, where (at the King's charge, of course, in Sayes Street) they had two meals: breakfast and dinner. The bills of fare on the occasion have been preserved by Wanley, the learned keeper of Lord Oxford's library. They were those of a noble lord, uncountortable number), and twenty-one in all. At breakfast there was a pasty in a quarter of lamb, ten pullets, twelve chickens, nine quarts of brandy, six quarts of mulled wine, seven dozen eggs, with other things in proportion. At dinner they had five ribs of beef (pound and a half per man), a pasty (forty-six pounds three-quarters), a shoulder of lamb, and a hind quarter and a half, eight pullets, eight rabbits, two dozen and a half of sack, and one dozen of claret. Here is a bill of fare indeed for one day: rabbits, of Mary Portis, who has given an unhappy celebrity to the woman that lived at Godalming in Surrey. I have often wondered at the delicacy of the Czar's two meals was remembered by the taxpayer Alexander when, in eighteen hundred and twenty-one, he visited the allied sovereigns, he passed through Godalming to Portsmouth, to return to Lord Dartmouth, who tells the story, assures us — was spent in applauding the monarch's behaviour.

The Czar is said to have enjoyed his visit to England, but it was high time for him to retire. He had been apprehensive of his sister's intrigues, and a confirmation of his suspicions hurried him away. On Monday the eighteenth of April, sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, he went to Kensington, and on the following day (Tuesday) thanked his majesty for the kind entertainment and honour he had received in his majesty's dominions, and for the line ship he had presented him with. On the Wednesday following he presented to his majesty of a fine ruby of very great value. On Wednesday the twentieth of April, he dined at Wimbledon with the Duke of Leeds, the Earl of Danby, so celebrated in the reign of Charles the Second, and the father of his friend the Marquis of Carmarthen. On the twenty-first, being the same night, he found, "very fine music to divert and serenade him. The was the last night he spent on English ground. Thursday, the twenty-first of April he set sail from Deptford, for Holland, in company of two men-of-war — the York and the Greenwich — and that night, commanded by Admiral Mitchell. He was detained for some days by contrary winds but at last left Helvoetsluys, and never saw England. He landed at the Hague sending the Royal Transport to Amsterdam, from whence (as it was said) he was to carry by land to the river Tanai. Lord Carmarthen was appointed his guide as far as Thalma, to whom, however, he did not say farewell without conferring a title and a pension of one thousand. This was the right of imperfect Lord into Russia. In the first year he was to reassign three hundred Englishmen in his second five thousand and afterwards as many as he pleased, without the marquis made by his monopoly no one to be told.

His physician he left behind him for two months that he might see Oxford, Cambridge and Bath, and took with him two boys from the mathematical school founded at Christ's Hospital by King Charles the Second, and what the newspapers of the time describe as "a curious geographical clock made by Mr John Clark, watchmaker, at the sign of the Dial and Crown, near Bow's street in Covent Garden." This clock have already been noticed in any part of the world, whether it be sun or moon rising or setting throughout the year, is entirely true to the signs of the zodiac; the arch which they and the sun in them makes above or below the horizon, with several other curious motions. This Peter bought, but the price is not named.

When Admiral Benbow returned to his house at Sayes Court, great was his consternation at finding the unnecessary damages that had been done to it by Peter and his retinue; still greater was the consternation which the author of Sylva expressed when he saw the state to which his far-famed garden had been reduced. Evelyn, complained to Evelyn, and both Benbow and Evelyn memorialised the Treasury for compensation for the injuries done. Their joint memorials were referred to the surveyor-general of works, Sir Christopher Wren, and to his majesty's principal gardener, Mr. London, the earliest English gardener of any reputation whose name has come down to us. Both reported strongly in favour of the claims for compensation. Evelyn received, "in compensation for the damage done to his house, goods and garden, £350, paid by his Czarines majesty and his retinue, while they resided there;" the sum of one hundred and sixty-two pounds seven shillings; and Admiral Benbow received, "for like damage done to his house, goods and garden of one hundred and thirty-three pounds two shillings and sixpence, which payments were made by the paymaster of his majesty's works, and are included in his accounts."

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Household Words.

SONG OF THE BROOK.

BY ALFRED TENNYSON.

I come from haunts of coot and hern,
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley.

By thirty hills I hurry down,
Or slip between the ridges,
By twenty thorps, a little town,
And half a hundred bridges.

With many a curve my banks I fret,
By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland, set
With willow-weed and mallow.

I chatter, chatter, as I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
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I chatter over stony ways,
In little sharps and trebles,
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I wind about, and in and out,
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And here and there a grayling.

And here and there a foamy flake
Upon me as I travel,
With many a silvery waterbreak
Above the golden gravel;

And draw them all along, and flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots,
I slide by hazel covers,
I move the sweet forget-me-nots
That grow for happy lovers.

I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,
Among my skimming swallows,
I make the netted sunbeam dance
Against my sandy shallows.

I murmur under moon and stars,
In brambly wildernesses,
I linger by my shingly bars,
I loiter round my cresses.

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AN INTERESTING INHABITANT OF WALLACHIA.

WALLACHIA, so recently one of the seats of war, has, for many years past, exported into western Europe enormous numbers of leeches, the produce of its lacustrine districts, with the properties of which all, we imagine, are acquainted; many, too, from personal experience: we allude to the leech. We need not say that millions of these creatures are nefariously employed, not only in our island, but in France and over the continent of Europe; and are still, few persons know, or inquire, whence they are obtained. Perhaps, therefore, a little information on this subject may not be unacceptable.

It is a curious circumstance, observing that there are two species of leech in medicinal use — one commonly called Hungarian or green leech (*sanguisuga officinalis*) — and the other the German leech, the brown leech, the English leech, etc. (*s. medicinalis*). The former species is chiefly exported from Hamburg, Trieste, and Fiume, to the west. Before the drainage of the pools and marshes in our island, the *s. medicinalis* was common, but it is now rare, and we have reason to believe that few or no English leeches are now exported, the supply being from the market. All are imported, and first pass though the hands of wholesale dealers. They are obtained in Sweden, Russia, Poland, Hungary, and Wallachia. Some years since, the mansion of Berone (Pays d'Aubre) afforded an extensive supply to France, and a large quantity for exportation; but of late years this resource has greatly diminished, and Wallachia now contributes the produce of her lakes to France, as also to our own country.

Kohl, in his work on "Austria," gives an interesting account of the Wallachian leech, and of the mode of fishing. he says, "at the inn of Toregovd (Tergovist), our host informed me that, if I had come a little earlier, I might have seen a waggon-load of leeches with which a Prussian had been loaded. This Prussian, he added, had had, for many years, furnished horses to these French leech dealers, and that these objects of traffic (the leeches) were obtained mostly from Wallachia; Hungary being no longer able to supply the demand of the French market, and Germany but very little. . . .

This leech trade is quite a regular business, and the loaded wagons pass from stage to stage through all Hungary, Austria, and Germany, on their direct route to Paris. The French traders are supposed to belong all to one company, some of the members of which I observed in Orsova, but was unwilling to get the leeches smuggled in small parcels from Wallachia, whence their free exportation is prohibited. At Orsova they have a huge sheet of water in which they collect all they obtain, and from this they transport them to Paris, in the space, it is said, of four-teen days.

The wagons are very artfully constructed to meet the purpose for which they are intended: they are in the form of a huge cage, and are filled with a wicker work bridge by bridge, and of reddish-work, into a great number of compartments each capable of containing a bag weighing six pounds that is, sixteen pounds and a half of leeches. This order is very nicely adjusted on springs to avoid jolting, for if they were to be much shaken by the motion of the carriage, they would be very likely on the journey the leeches agree with the peasants of the villages they pass through, or with the landlords of various inns, to have the required number of horses in readiness, and they send some one forward, or make some signal previously agreed on, such as cracking their whips in a particular manner, to announce their approach. When, at Orsova, we complained to Evelyn, and both Benbow and Evelyn memorialised the Treasury for compensation for the injuries done. Their joint memorials were referred to the surveyor-general of works, Sir Christopher Wren, and to his majesty's principal gardener, Mr. London, the earliest English gardener of any reputation whose name has come down to us. Both reported strongly in favour of the claims for compensation. Evelyn received, "in compensation for the damage done to his house, goods and garden, £350, paid by his Czarines majesty and his retinue, while they resided there;" the sum of two hundred and sixty-two pounds seven shillings; and Admiral Benbow received, "for like damage done to his house, goods and garden of one hundred and thirty-three pounds two shillings and sixpence, which payments were made by the paymaster of his majesty's works, and are included in his accounts."

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Household Words.

CONDITION OF TURKISH WOMEN.

THE wife is not obliged to undertake any labours beyond the direction of the household. She engages in no trade: those employments which among ourselves are left to the assive property of women, are in Turkey undertaken by the men. Men keep laundries and embroidery shops; men, again, make the beards and firegis. Sewing and shirt-making are generally done by Armenian women, and the harem slaves go and fetch the work when finished. Thus, then, the existence of woman in Turkey is entirely internal and domestic. Her part within the house is considerable. Without her husband's leave she only passes on the external world; or, if she approaches it is without mixing in it. Still tradition, manners, education, all prepare women betimes for this species of life. Betrothed generally when three or four years of age, married at twelve or thirteen, she leaves her mother's harem into that of their husband, resigned beforehand to a constraint which custom has rendered easy to them. The marriage is arranged between the parents without the knowledge of the young people. The latter are not even present at the ceremony — sometimes the husband appears among the witnesses, but the part he plays is quite passive. The parents or guardians stipulate in the name and with the consent of the betrothed, and draw up the contract in the presence of the Imam and the witnesses. The marriage receives no religious consecration. The Imam does not make his appearance as priest, but as a civil magistrate. He inscribes in his register the statement of the marriage, with the conditions agreed on by the various parties: the husband, at their scale, which serve instead of signature, and the conubial tie is formed by this simple inscription.

In Turkey the husband dowers the wife; and, as we have said, must supply the whole establishment for each wife. So many wives, so many dowries must be furnished, so many suites of apartments, with their befitting furniture, carriages, servants, &c. Hence it is not so easy as may be supposed for the children of the Prophet to enjoy the latitude of the law. The amongst them are rich enough to permit themselves the luxury of four wives; and those who could have four, finding that one is quite enough, the result is that cases of polygamy are very infrequent in Turkey. Usually, too poor to marry, buys a slave, who serves him at once as wife and servant, and in this conforms to the text of the law: "The man who is not rich enough to marry honourable and believing women, will take slaves who are believers." If children are born to him, the power of legitimating them, and this act entails, on his death, the enfranchisement of the mother, nor can she be sold or given away in the interval.

The life of the simple or barren in incidents than a Turkish marriage. This is nearly what takes place: Esme has reached her twelfth summer — she has been betrothed since her fourth year to Bekir, who is now eighteen; it is time for them to be united. Bekir does not know Esmé, or at least does not forget how her features since the time she came, a child, to visit his mother. Esme, on her side, has retained a still more confused notion of Bekir; for this reason she begs her mother, before signing the contract, to let her see once again his features. The mother promises, and the day when Bekir is visiting his future papa-in-law, Esmé looks in from behind a lattice. Bekir also is impatient to know the person who is to be his wife. His mother has repeatedly praised her beauty to him, but he knows her, when her heart is set on this marriage? He therefore applies to some skilful and discreet old woman, generally a dervese, whom he requests to make her way by some means into Esmé's room, that she may see her and observe her closely. The ambassadress returns the next day or so, and does not fail to draw the most enticing portrait of the lady she has seen: a moon of beauty, teeth like pearls, eyes resembling two stars, the eyebrows two rainbows. Bekir will be in love with Esmé already; then he pours into the hands of the duenna a handful of money, and sends his future wife baskets or vases filled with flowers, fruit and confectionery.—*Bentley's Miscellany.*

TEMPERANCE IN ENGLAND.

THAT the higher classes have within the last half century attained a point of sobriety that may be almost termed unexceptionable, is too notorious to need proof. And if we look at the whole of society, we find that the improvement is steadily working upwards, and we may expect improvements to work downwards and to work slowly. It seems often as if the period of a whole generation must have been devoted to some trifling advance; sometimes improvements are unobserved, sometimes retrograde; but still, as compared with the life of an individual, the time in which we can hope for any great change must always be long. If we only ask ourselves what are the causes of the drunkenness and brutality now carrying on around us, and the fascinating pleasure of stimulants, we may see how impossible it is that drunkenness should die out in a year or two, or be blotted out by any legal legerdemain. The love of dwelling on the past, the ever-recurring occupation, the neglect of education, the feebleness of power displayed by the Church of England in the face of all great difficulties, variations in the price of food, the unsociable manners of English ladies, which prevent the higher order from mixing in the amusements of the people, the want of places of innocent recreation, these and a great number of other causes promote drunkenness, and they are of a kind that cannot be easily removed. Every day does something to remove them, but they are removed as sand is removed by an encroaching sea; it is only after a long day, we can trace no difference; if we survey the spot once in twenty years we see the shape of the coast has altered.

Every one can do something to diminish drunkenness, because every one can do something to make the poor happier and better. If any one desires to work in the most direct way he cannot do better than attempt to improve the physical condition of the poor, and especially to give them wholesome and innocent pleasure. There is something, says Mr. Chadwick, "in the air of the dark parts of London which seems to create the appetite for gin." While men are permitted to breathe this air all their lives, how can we greet the love of strong drink to perish? Any one who has seen the maniacal intoxication in it, very drunkenness, admits the same compassion of any view it in that of drunkenness. Libraries, museums, baths, good newspapers cheap periodicals, all these would much to elevate the working class, and will do much to enable the rich man to save money, to feel the pleasure of doing the power of a few pounds in the savings' bank, we teach him control, we lead him to abhor the prodigal extravagance which ruins drunkards. And there are bad practices on the part of their employers, which without calling in the desperate remedy of legislation, we may seek by persuasion and reasoning to do away with. Wages ought not to be paid in public houses, nor has a right to compel such an injury to his servant as to give him a large sum of money in the face of what is known to be a temptation to him. And shops should be closed early enough to leave unexhausted some of the energies of those who spend their days in confinement, and faithfully to apply stimulants to quicken the languid circulation and sustain the drooping frame. In short, the indirect ways in which we may attack drunkenness are endless, and nothing can be more certain than that the exertions already made by prudent and benevolent men have had a most salutary effect. The drunkenness of England is not what it was a quarter of a century ago. It is not so great in amount; it is not followed by scenes of such open violence and disorder; it is not watched with so much indifference by poor men and women.

Again, if the working-man is to be withdrawn from the temptation of the public-house, he must have other sources of enjoyment to supply him. And for the use of amusements is to be found in gardening in the open air, excursions in parks, woods, fields, where the soothing and sustaining influences of the green earth and blue sky may act upon the soul, and the companionships of those who are dear to him may give the highest kind of family affection. In the two reports to which we have referred, witness after witness testifies to these three points; that where means of recreation in the open air are provided, the people resort to them in thousands; that where they do they behave with the greatest order and propriety; and that wherever opportunities of enjoying such recreation are given on a scale, and with a frequency to enable us to judge of the permanent effects, the tastes, habits and manners, of the locality are visibly improved. Even men, especially under an English sky, cannot be always looking at scenery and breathing country air, they must have some amusements suited to a town life and winter evenings, and how this is to be supplied is the growing inquiry. Of how much is to be done, and perhaps all that is practicable may be accomplished, we have no doubt